

F-3-76
Springfield Dairy Farm
Lewistown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1820-1941

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken house

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Walker Farm

and/or common Springfield Dairy Farm (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 12108 Auburn Road not for publicationcity, town Lewistown x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x occupied	<u> </u> x agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> x building(s)	<u> </u> x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> x private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard T. Morse (heirs of)

street & number 4901 Greencastle Road telephone no.:

city, town Laurel state and zip code Md. 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 428

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 283

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Brinkman Survey of Frederick County F-492

date C. 1966 federal x state county local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-76

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 10

The Springfield Dairy Farm is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1820 log house with wood and artificial siding and an associated two-story stone springhouse with an attached frame summer kitchen and an agricultural outbuilding group centered on a circa 1941 concrete block and frame dairy barn with modern loafing sheds attached. The agricultural buildings also include a circa 1925-30 frame chicken house, part of which has been converted to residential use, a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1925, a frame garage of about 1940, a frame hog barn of about 1900-1920, a dated 1941 concrete block machine shed, and a terra cotta block silo of about 1940. The farmstead is located on the west side of Auburn Road, which parallels U.S. 15, about 1-1/2 miles northwest of Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling is located nearest the road, with the domestic outbuilding immediately north of the rear wing and the agricultural buildings are arranged to the west and southwest of the house.

The dwelling has two sections, the westernmost being the earliest, built about 1820, based on architectural features, as a two-story house with one room on the first story. At a later undetermined date, a second room was added to the east side of the house. The structural material is also undetermined, because of the modern exterior siding and interior wall changes. The south elevation has three irregularly spaced bays, with double entries. The south elevation is covered with weatherboard siding, and the other elevations are covered in aluminum or vinyl siding. The windows are 2/2 and the roof is standing seam metal. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west gable ends. A one-story porch with tapering square posts extends across the south elevation. The doors are replacements in a multi-paned glazed design. On the east elevation is a one-story addition topped by a balustraded sun porch. The original east elevation appears to have had two bays. In the gable peak is a Stick style ornament of crossed bars with scalloped wood trim, undoubtedly an addition of the 1880's or 1890's. The north elevation has a two-story wing to which an addition in the northeast angle was added in the early 20th century. This addition has 6/6 sash with louvred shutters, a hooded entry on the east elevation, and a rusticated concrete block foundation. The north elevation is covered with aluminum siding and the stone foundation is exposed, with an excavated space between the house and the stone springhouse paved and walled with concrete. A concrete bridge leads from the paved walk near the northeast corner of the house to the second story door of the springhouse. The west elevation of the wing has a one-story porch, probably added about 1950, with german siding and pressboard siding on the main section. The roof of the original rear wing is covered with pressed metal.

The interior of the house has been much altered in the early to mid-20th century. Two two-level living units currently occupy the house, with a partition wall running east-west across the plan. Most wall and floor surfaces are covered with wallboard and carpet or modern flooring. No original mantelpieces remain in the house, although some vertical board and paneled doors with early to mid-19th

8. Significance

Survey No. F-3-76

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1820-1940

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Springfield Dairy Farm is a fair representative of the building variety of the early 20th century farmstead. The two barns represent the most important change in Frederick County agriculture, the switch from grain-producing to dairy farms in the early 20th century. In most farmsteads, the original barn is still present, although it may be altered. The Springfield Dairy Farm has a replacement on the site of the original bank barn. The other structures are commonly found: the hog barn, the chicken house, and the wagon shed/corn crib. The wagon shed is unusual because of its small size. The architecture of the house is of minimal significance because of the many alterations. The stone springhouse is a good example of the type, although the treatment of the area between the dwelling and the springhouse with the concrete bridge are rare and possibly unique in the County.

The original farm and the dwelling were probably built by John Walker, who purchased the original tract in 1817 from James Johnson, Jr., then owner of the larger tract of "Springfield" (F-3-77). It was referred to in an 1841 deed as the "Walker Farm". The early 20th century buildings were erected by the Jonathan D. English family and the Luther E. Leatherman family. Buildings added around 1941 and after were made by the current owner of record, Howard T. Morse, now deceased.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-76

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Catoctin Furnace, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the house on Tax Map 32, Parcel 22

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.2 Description (Continued)

century hardware are still in place. The roof structure is unpeeled logs and was probably installed as a replacement of the original roof in the early 20th century.

Springhouse: The two-story stone springhouse has vertical board doors on the south elevation on each level. In the west elevation is a 6/6 window and a beaded board door. The stone walls have been recently repointed. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. On the east elevation is a one-story frame summer kitchen with an exterior stone and brick chimney. The kitchen is covered with vertical siding and the foundation is concrete block. The roof is wood shingles. The south elevation has a vertical board door and a 2/2 window. The springhouse was probably built shortly after the house in the 1820's or early 1830's, based on its rubble stone structure. The summer kitchen may have been added in the early 20th century, as indicated by the concrete block foundation, although the chimney appears to be older.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Chicken house: The chicken house is a 1-1/2 story frame structure located west of the house. Built about 1925-30, based on its materials and size, the chicken house is a long, rectangular building with german siding, and 12-light single sash windows across its south elevation. On the half-story level are small 8-light windows. The western section of the chicken house was converted to an apartment in the mid-20th century. The eastern section is used for storage and a laundry room. The gable roof is standing seam metal. A non-contributing open-front tractor shed attached to the west end of the chicken house links the structure to the wagon shed/corn crib.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib may also date from about 1925. It is unusual in its small size, as compared to other wagon sheds of the early 20th century. It is lower in height and the drive-through is narrow. The exterior is covered with vertical siding and the roof is corrugated metal.

Garage: The frame garage is a small building located south of the chicken house. Built about 1940, it has a poured concrete foundation, tongue-and-groove siding, and a corrugated metal roof. Double vertical board swing doors are located in the east elevation.

Hog barn: The hog barn is a small frame structure located west of the garage. Now used as a chicken house, the building has vertical board siding with a covered wallow area on the south elevation which has been divided into stalls. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. A non-contributing loafing shed on the west elevation links the hog barn to the 1941 barn.

Barn: The concrete block barn was built about 1941, based on its materials and design. It is located on the site of the original bank barn and has a wide opening on the south elevation. The gable above is covered with tongue-and-groove siding, with louvred vents. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. Sliding doors are also located on the west elevation at the ramp.

7.3 Description (Continued)

Terra cotta silo: The terra cotta block silo, built about 1940, is located next to the ramp to the loft of the 1941 barn. It has a standing seam metal cap with an elaborate weathervane with a cow motif.

Machine shop: The 1941 concrete block machine shop is dated inside the structure. A long rectangular building, it has a south elevation of multiple sliding doors with ribbon windows. The machine shop is located northwest of the barn.

Non-contributing dairy barn: The gambrel-roofed concrete block dairy barn was probably built after 1945 and is located at the southernmost side of the farmstead with a matching milk house. Painted across the german siding of the east gable end is the name "Springfield Dairy Farm", by which the farmstead is most easily identified.

Springfield Dairy Farm		GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
LIBER/F	0	GRANTEE			
H37/H16 428/283 8 Apr 41		Howard S. & Ella Mae Morse	Luther E. & Elizabeth B. Leatherman	158 a.	
356/562 5 Apr 26		Luther E. Leatherman et ux	William Clay English & Myrtle M. English & Richard J. English	"1/2 part of Springfield" 164 1/2 a.	
338/307 31 Mar 22		Wm. Clay English et ux	Richard J. English	164 1/2 a.	
DHH 11/108 26 Mar 01		Richard J. English	Ruth A. Dutoir et al, heirs of Jonathan D. English	part of "Springfield" 164 1/2 a.	\$8,250
TG 5/52 28 May 1874		Jonathan D. English	Zebulon J. Kitzmiller		
WBT 12/273 17 May 1850		Zebulon J. Kitzmiller	Joshua Hauck	part of "Springfield" 169 a.	\$2622.48
WBT 9/475 15 Oct 1849 (March)		Joshua Hauck	Larkin Hauck	part of "Springfield" commonly called the Walker Farm 169 a.	\$2,000

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LIBER/F 0

GRANTEE

GRANTOR

ORIGINAL TRACTS

COST

DATE

HS 23/20
4 Jun 1844

Larkin Hauck

Daniel ~~King~~
& Krug"Walker Farm"
216 A.

\$3500

HS 12/196
13 Jan 1841Daniel ~~King~~
& KrugKing (sic)
& Krug (sic)John McPherson,
trustee"Walker Farm"
216 A.

\$2000

JS 40/514
24 Oct 1832

John Buell, Sr.

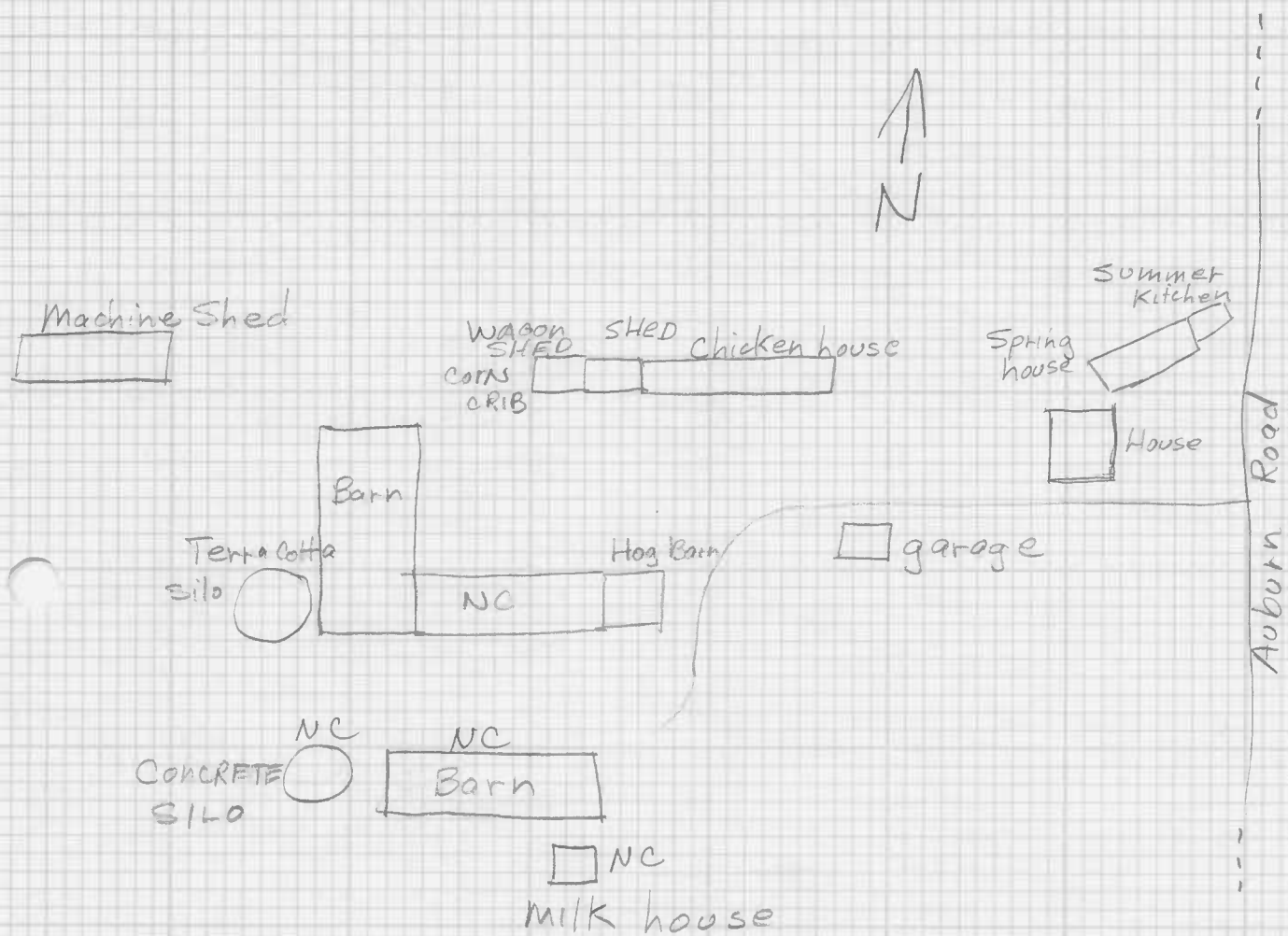
John Walker et al

219 A.

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5 Apr 1817
19 May 1817

John Walker

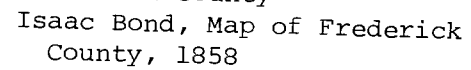
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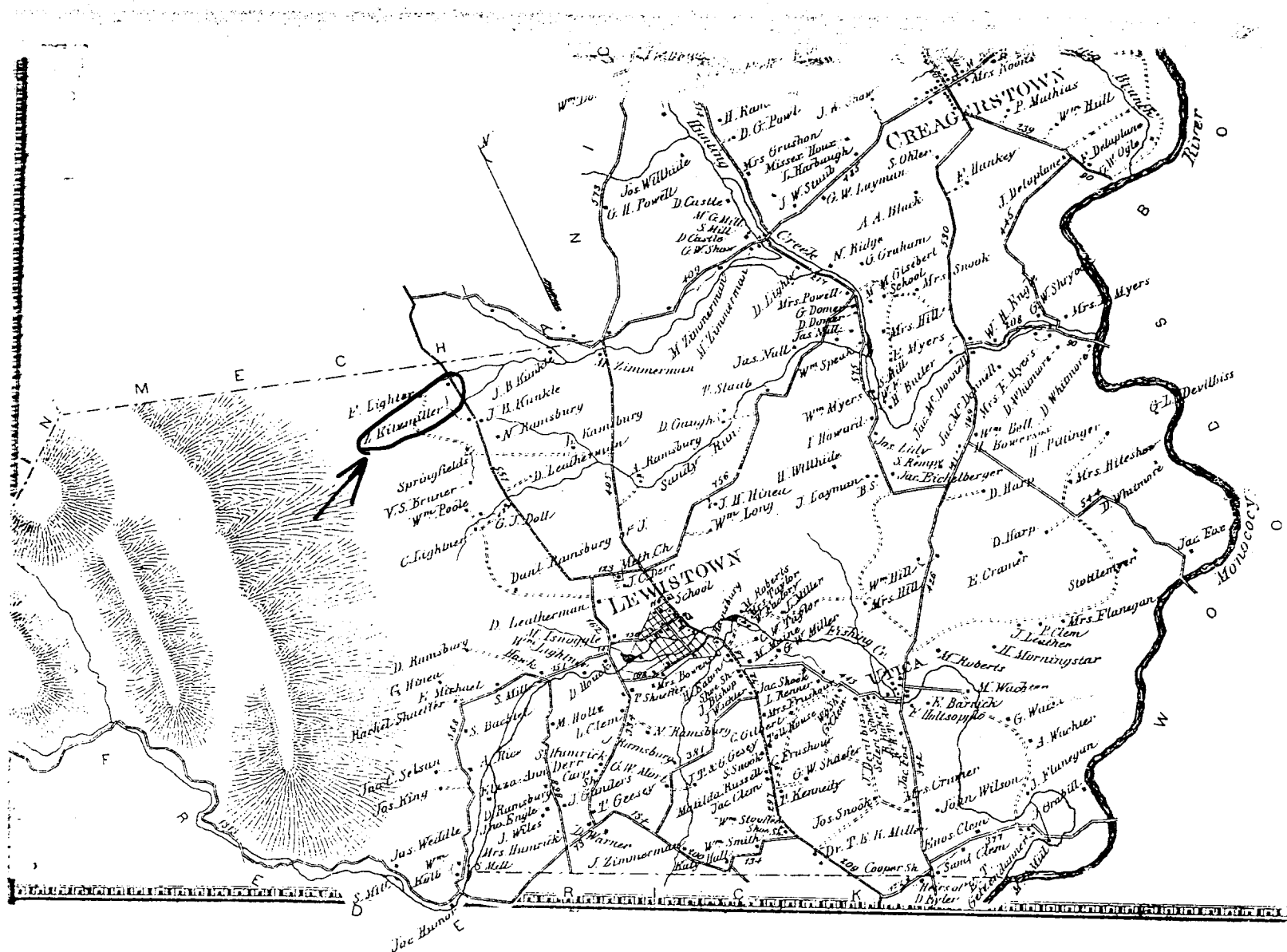


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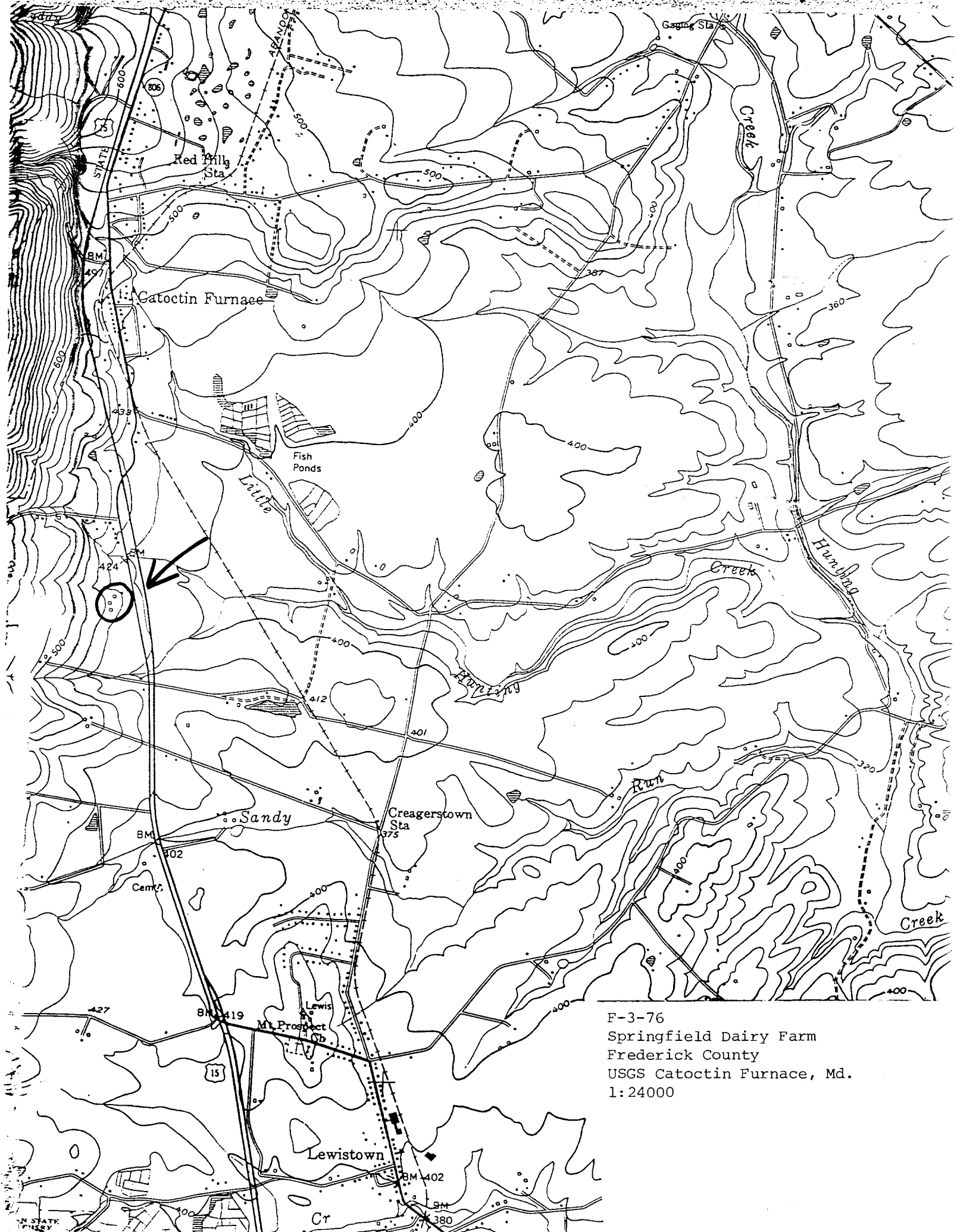
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South elevation

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Springhouse and summer kitchen, view from east

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Chicken house and wagon sheds, view from
southeast

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View west toward garage, hog barn, and
dairy barn

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Dairy barns and terra cotta silo, view from
east

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Dairy barn and milk house, north east corner view
6/6